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Claim Amendments

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a household appliance having  
an operating element, a display structure, comprising:

a display device, with which information concerning the  
household appliance can be presented, said display device  
being an electronic paper electrically influenced pixel-by-  
pixel, the operating element projecting through said  
electronic paper.

Claim 2 (original): The display structure according to claim  
1, further comprising at least one unit selected from the  
group consisting of an operating unit, a control unit of the  
household appliance, and an external unit, said at least one  
unit generating a display on said electronic paper.

Claim 3 (original): The display structure according to claim  
2, wherein said external unit is a computer.

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Claim 4 (original): The display structure according to claim 1, wherein:

the household appliance has a curved surface; and

said electronic paper is applied on said curved surface.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The display structure according to claim [[5]] 1, wherein said operating element is one of the group consisting of a program selector switch and a button.

Claim 7 (original): The display structure according to claim 1, wherein:

the appliance has a surface of one of the group consisting of plastic, glass, wood, and metal; and

said electronic paper is adhesively attached as a film onto the surface.

Claim 8 (original): The display structure according to claim 1, wherein:

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an object external to the appliance has an outer surface;

said electronic paper is attached to said outer surface of  
said object; and

the object and the appliance have a connection for  
transmitting data therebetween.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The display structure according  
to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8, wherein the object is an operating device.

Claim 10 (original): The display structure according to claim  
9, wherein the connection is a wireless connection.

Claim 11 (original): The display structure according to claim  
1, wherein said display device is a membrane keyboard for  
operator input.

Claim 12 (original): The display structure according to claim  
1, wherein said display device is a touch screen for operator  
input.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A household appliance display  
structure, comprising:

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a display device, with which information concerning the household appliance can be presented, said display device being an electronic paper electrically influenced pixel-by-pixel; and

an operating element projecting through said electronic paper.

Claim 14 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, further comprising at least one unit selected from the group consisting of an operating unit, a control unit of a household appliance, an external unit, and an external computer, said at least one unit generating a display on said electronic paper.

Claim 15 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, wherein said electronic paper is to be applied on a curved surface of a household appliance.

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The display structure according to claim [[16]] 13, wherein the operating element is one of the group consisting of a program selector switch and a button.

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Claim 18 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, wherein:

said electronic paper adhesively attaches as a film onto a surface of a household appliance; and

the surface is one of the group consisting of plastic, glass, wood, and metal.

Claim 19 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, wherein:

said electronic paper adhesively attaches as a film onto an outer surface of an object external to a household appliance; and

the object and the appliance have a connection for transmitting data therebetween.

Claim 20 (original): The display structure according to claim 19, wherein the connection is a wireless connection.

Claim 21 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, wherein said display device is a membrane keyboard for operator input.

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Claim 22 (original): The display structure according to claim 13, wherein said display device is a touch screen for operator input.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A household appliance, comprising:

a housing having an outer surface; and

a display device, with which information concerning the household appliance can be presented, said display device being an electronic paper electrically influenced pixel-by-pixel and being disposed at said outer surface; and

an operating element projecting through said electronic paper.